Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: It depends on when we get funds. We have, at present, Rs. 1,000 allotted for that work, while the estimate is for Rs. 29,000.

Expenditure on salaries etc, during the last three years.

39. ✻ **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad** (*Jenmies*): Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing the total amount of money spent during the last three years under the following heads:

(*a*) Salaries;
(*b*) Travelling Allowances;
(*c*) Stationery and Printing; and
(*d*) Contingencies and other allowances?

Mr. C. S. Krishnasvami Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*). The total amounts, spent by Government on salaries, Travelling Allowance and Stationery and Printing during the year 1107 to 1109 are as below:—

	Salaries.	Travelling Allowance.	Stationery and Printing.
1107 .	91,16,248	4,27,449	3,36,583
1108 .	91,37,390	4,08,393	2,94,634
1109 .	92,98,084	4,58,911	2,60,744

(*d*) It is not possible to furnish the information as it is not clear what is meant by other allowances.

Lands available for cardamom cultivation.

40. ✻ **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what is the extent of cardamom lands available for cultivation in Devicolam Division;

(*b*) the extent of lands encroached upon;

(*c*) whether these encroachments were made before 1096;

(*d*) whether the Forest or Revenue Authorities have taken up any cases against those who are in possession;

(*e*) the extent of land which may be made available for cardamom cultivation;

(*f*) whether those lands are surveyed and demarcated; and

(*g*) the extent of land now ordered to be registered in favour of encroachers and whether those lands are surveyed and demarcated?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) The actual extent of land available for cardamom cultivation cannot be given definitely as the areas in question are comprised in vast unsurveyed minor circuits. It is probable that there would be about 50,000 acres in the Cardamom Hills Reserve and 55,000 acres outside that Reserve;

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(*b*) the actual extent of lands encroached upon cannot be definitely known until the work of survey and detection of encroachments, which is being attended to by the Survey party, is completed. Roughly such encroachments may be estimated at about 4,000 acres.

(*c*) some of the encroachments were made before 1096, some in 1096 and the rest after 1096 ;

(*d*) poramboke cases have been taken against the encroachers;

(*e*) *vide* answer to part (*a*) of the interpellation ;

(*f*) the survey and detection of the encroachments are in progress ; and

(*g*) the survey of these lands has not yet been completed and hence the actual area cannot be determined.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I asl whether there is a G. O. prohibiting the registry of lands to non-Travancoreans ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Is that G. O. still in force ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether, after the G. O., any encroachments have been made by foreigners in Devicolam ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Has any registry been made in favour of foreigners since the G. O. was passed ?

Mr. K. George: I claim notice.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether any land has been registered ? I do not want the extent.

Mr. K. George: I claim notice.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know what steps have been taken, or are being taken, to prevent further encroachments in the Cardamom Reserves ?

Mr. K. George. The revenue staff has been warned to be more careful; and, if anybody is found to have encroached, no concession or mercy will be shown to him.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether, as a matter of fact, any encroacher has been evicted from the encroached land ?

Mr. K. George: Yes.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know when these evictions took place ?

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Mr. K. George: I cannot give the date. In more than 200 cases the encroachers have been evicted.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I know whether steps are now being taken to register lands encroached after 1096, in the names of the encroachers?

Mr. K. George: Yes, if the encroachments are still in existence.

Mr. K P. Nilakanta Pillai: May I ask whether, by the G O. of 1096, it was not made clear that encroachers will not be entitled to get the lands registered in their names? If so, may I know what made the Government take steps now to register the lands in the names of the encroachers?

Mr K. George: There are several reasons. I believe, Sir, that question comes up specifically in another interpellation.

President: Yes. Honourable members will please hold the question a minute more.

Irrigation works undertoken in Kuttanad in 1934.

41. * **Mr K. N Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of places in Kuttanad visited by the Irrigation Engineer in the year 1934;

(*b*) the names of such places;

(*c*) the schemes undertaken by him in such places;

(*d*) the progress made in such schemes;

(*e*) the total amount of the estimates for such schemes; and

(*f*) the expenditure hitherto incurred on them?

Mr. G B. E. Truscott: (*a*) to (*c*) A statement is laid on the table.

(*f*) None.

Mr. M. N Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the Irrigation Engineer has any definite scheme to be carried out in the Kuttanad area?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: What is it?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The member will find the information in the statement laid on the table in answer to parts (*a*) to (*e*) of the question.

Particulars re the Shencotta—Quilon railway.

42. * **Mr. K. N. Kesavan Namputiripad**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have borrowed any amount for the construction of the Shencotta-Quilon Railway, and, if so, what the amount is;

**Vide* Appendix III—pages 150 and 151.

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